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Harper slams big-ticket vows

But Grit leader says billion-dollar childcare program won't put country into deficit

Prime Minister Stephen Harper condemned the opposition parties for proposing costly programs he says Canada cannot afford, on a day in which Liberals and New Democrats rolled out multi-billion dollar commitments.

"Billions and billions of dollars every single day, all to be financed with taxes," Harper said yesterday of his opponents' spending vows.

The pledges highlighted the contrast in social spending philosophies of the opposition parties and the Conservatives. In contrast, Harper campaigned yesterday on new measures to discourage children from accessing tobacco by banning additives such as cotton candy flavouring, and requiring cigarillos to be sold in larger quantities.

NDP Leader Jack Layton promised to make universal day care the free health care of this century by enshrining it in law with a program that would cost $1.45 billion in the first year.

The Liberals revived their national child-care proposal from three years ago. The annual cost of their plan would rise to $1.25 billion over a four-year period.

Harper jumped on the promises, warning that the Liberals would bleed red ink to make good on Stéphane Dion's pledges.

"Even with the tax increases that he is proposing and approves, it is impossible to avoid a deficit and major deficits at that," Harper said.

Harper said all opposition parties are making "mind-boggling" election vows that would push the nation into deficit or force new taxes.

Dion at first wouldn't rule out the prospect of running a deficit when pressed yesterday, saying it is impossible to forecast. But the Liberal leader later took a firm position at a stop in Kitchener, saying "We will not put Canada into deficit."

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History

- Deficits were commonplace until the mid-1990s.
- In 1993, the Liberals inherited a $38-billion annual budget shortfall from the Progressive Conservatives.
- By 1997, the Liberals had a budgetary surplus of $2.8 billion. Surpluses continued each year since, including under the Tories.

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Elizabeth May speaks to media and Green party faithful at Parade Square in Halifax yesterday.

Greens want pot legalized and taxed

PLATFORM Green Party Leader Elizabeth May apologized yesterday for never having smoked pot.

While unveiling an election platform that includes a proposal to legalize marijuana, May said, "I am not a fan of marijuana use. I have to confess this — I know all politicians are asked. I've never used marijuana. I apologize."

The Greens' platform proposes to allow the sale of marijuana to adults through licensed distribution outlets, generating about $1 billion annually in taxes.

The more high-profile part of the platform would impose up to $37 billion a year in carbon taxes on fossil fuels as part of a program to shift taxation from income to consumption, similar to the Liberals' more modest, so-called Green Shift proposal.

The Green Party would also slash military spending and subsidies to industry, keep the federal budget in surplus, and raise the GST.

REUTERS

Metro now a million strong

READERS A 26 per cent jump in daily readership in Ottawa has helped the Metro newspaper chain break the one million-reader mark nationally, for the first time ever.

According to the most recent Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank) survey, Metro Ottawa now reaches 67,900 daily readers and 158,900 weekly readers, compared to the same time last year — an increase of 14,100 (+26 per cent daily) and 32,500 (+26 per cent weekly) readers.

Nationally, Metro Canada now reaches 1,091,800 readers every weekday, and 2,253,200 readers weekly in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver, strengthening its position as the No. 1 free daily in the country.

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Corner Gas's Gabrielle Miller.

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Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup
The Ottawa Police Service's Marine Patrol Unit will be diving at the base of Parliament Hill tomorrow to recover river litter as part of the 15th annual Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup. The public can do their part — on land — on Saturday at Mooney's Bay and on Sunday along the Ottawa River and Britannia Beach South. VANAQUA.ORG/CLEANUP

Ottawa

Hybrids hitting the streets

Starting next month, two prototype hybrid buses will be rolling onto Ottawa streets. The 40-foot vehicles will be used in the core along routes with frequent stops, to maximize fuel efficiency. Each bus costs $625,000 and a shipment of 90 hybrids is expected to arrive in early 2009. The city is also finalizing plans to deliver three double-decker buses to service some suburban routes before year's end. CITY OF OTTAWA

Police sting arrests 17 in bawdy houses

INVESTIGATION Area police co-operated to arrest 17 people after nine common bawdy houses were busted in Gatineau.

With the help of Ottawa police and the Canada Border Services Agency, Gatineau police arrested 17 people, including 13 women and four men, after uncovering nine illegal massage parlours in Gatineau.

"The Ottawa police and CBSA helped to identify the people," Gatineau Police Constable Isabelle Poirier said.

All of the suspects are Asian and between the ages of 30 and 40 years old.

They face charges of possession of stolen goods, being in a common bawdy house and holding a common bawdy house.

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What's online today.

Watch Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz as he's confronted over allegations of wisecracks during the listeria outbreak at www.metronews.ca/canada

Read Billy Munnelly as he makes the case for Ontario's new light shiraz at www.metronews.ca/live

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These results are not official.

New job cuts for Nortel

Executives at Nortel Networks Corp. said yesterday significant pressures are forcing the firm to look at a new round of layoffs, spending cuts, restructuring and the sale of a successful division that employs workers in Ottawa.

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CEO Mike Zafirovski says Nortel faces "tough economic" times.

"Given our predicted financial results and our current balance sheet in a tough economic environment, we clearly understand the status quo is not an option for Nortel," chief executive Mike Zafirovski said during a conference call.

Nortel's stock price fell by more than 50 per cent after Zafirovski said it was time to review the company and take "immediate and decisive action."

For Ottawa, it's likely more than 500 people could be laid off or become part of Nortel's announced intention to sell one of its divisions, Metro Ethernet.

Many Nortel employees who headed into work yesterday said they've been hardened by previous cutbacks and said they weren't surprised by the news. Others, however, were taken aback by the proposed cutbacks.

The announcement also comes as a hard hit for those trying to develop the capital's economic base, as they continue to see the company — which was once the city's largest employer — get battered.

"They're a resilient organization. We've seen them over the past, they've been able to persevere through this, but we certainly don't like to see our ° company here in Ottawa, and probably the number one company in research and development in Canada, having this type of trouble," said Jeffrey Dale, president of the Ottawa Centre for Research and Innovation.

Nortel has struggled for years to get out from under bad bookkeeping and old product lines, shedding thousands of jobs and moving thousands of others overseas where labour is cheaper. CTVOTTAWA.CA

City readers help fuel big Metro gains

For the first time, Metro Canada is more than one million strong.

Boosted by national readership gains — including a 26 per cent increase in Ottawa — Metro Canada broke the one million daily reader milestone for the first time in its history, according to results released Sept. 17 by the Newspaper Audience Databank (NADbank).

Metro Canada now reaches 1,091,800 readers every weekday, and 2,253,200 readers weekly in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary, Edmonton and Vancouver.

Market strengths

- Metro Canada's readership strengthened in all markets, climbing 16 per cent to 1,007,800 when comparing just the four markets (Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Vancouver) measured from 2006-07 to 2007-08.

That's a 26 per cent increase over NADbank's 2006-07 numbers — or 223,600 more weekday Metro readers.

"The atmosphere surrounding the success of Metro across Canada is exciting," said Bill McDonald, group publisher of Metro English Canada. "And we are only beginning to realize the full potential and power of this growing media brand."

Metro Ottawa's readership soared 26 per cent, from 53,800 to 67,900 daily readers, compared to the same time last year. Metro Ottawa has more than twice the daily readers of 24 Hours.

"I am confident that with the new editorial strategy, increased local content and re-launch of metronews.ca, Metro will continue to be Ottawa's number one free daily," said Metro Ottawa Managing Director C. Dave Kruse.

The latest results also include initial readership figures for Metro Calgary and Edmonton, which launched in spring 2007. Calgary's initial readership is 43,700 daily and 82,800 weekly, while Metro Edmonton's is 40,300 daily and 98,900 weekly.

Metro Canada launched Metro Halifax in February. Readership results for Metro's coast-to-coast coverage will be available in March. METRO OTTAWA

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News in brief

CYCLIST INJURED An 18-year-old female cyclist suffered serious head injuries after being struck by a taxi in the city's west end yesterday morning. Paramedics said the woman was not wearing a helmet at the time of the collision at Robertson Road and Vanier Road in Bells Corners. METRO OTTAWA

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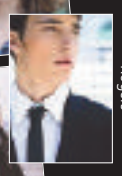
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Rally seeks code review

MPs will be urged to remove penalties

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A former prostitute and University of Ottawa associate professor is leading a new group in calling on current and future Members of Parliament to protect the rights of sex workers.

"The Conservative government dropped the ball on this one and they did nothing," said Chris Bruckert. "It's way past time. When parliamentarians do nothing, people are dying."

Members of the Prostitutes of Ottawa/Gatineau Work Educate and Resist (POWER) are hoping sex workers and their allies will join them on Parliament Hill tonight at 5 p.m. in a peaceful rally to challenge parliamentarians to decriminalize sections of the Criminal Code that are explicitly directed at the sex trade.

Sections of the code make it illegal for workers to communicate services and even to share an income gained through sex work.

"Sex workers are currently living and working under laws that criminalize them, severely restricting their access to police protection and legal recourse," Bruckert said.

"It renders the workers more vulnerable to violence."

"Our current laws on prostitution make sex workers less safe," said Richard Elliott, Executive Director of the Canadian HIVAIDS Legal Network. "We need legal changes that give sex workers more control over their working conditions so they can better protect their health and safety, like other workers."

"I'm not ashamed of having been a sex worker," said Bruckert. She's experienced the stigma associated with the work, she said.

But in the end, she feels strongly about it because "it's a human rights issue.

"I think the Canadian public is ready for our parliamentarians to take a stand for the human rights of sex workers," she said.

TRACEY TONG/METRO OTTAWA

Former sex trade worker and University of Ottawa associate professor Chris Bruckert is a member of Prostitutes of Ottawa/Gatineau Work Educate and Resist.

City animation festival makes a 'kid a heart' start

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"The thing I like about animation is working with all the different kinds of artists, writers and actors and drawing and painting."
Michael Sporn, animator

When Michael Sporn was a young boy — around the age of his audience of 200 at the National Gallery of Canada yesterday — he started dabbling in animation.

"By the time I was 12, I saved up enough money to start filming," said Sporn.

He studied art in college and afterwards, contacted his heroes in animation.

The rest is history.

Sporn, who has had his own animation studio for 30 years, showed several of his films, to local school children on the opening day of the Ottawa International Animation Festival yesterday, including children book adaptations Doctor Desoto and Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile.

"The thing I like about animation is working with all the different kinds of artists, writers and actors and drawing and painting," said the Oscar-nominated and Emmy award-winning New York animator.

He prefers traditional animation techniques to new computer animation.

"That's what I do best," he said, "so I keep doing it."

The event at the gallery gave children a chance to meet a well-known animator, said Kelly Neall, managing director of the Ottawa International Animation Festival.

More than 27,000 people attended the animation festival last year and in 2008 even more are expected, said festival spokesman Josh Dunn.

Running through Sept. 21, the festival includes screenings for 105 films from 70 countries, competitions for features and shorts, retrospectives and a Canadian and international showcase, Dunn said.

There are also 'meet-the-filmmaker' events daily, which offer "a rare opportunity for anyone who's interested in animation to ask questions," said Dunn.

This year's program also includes 20th anniversary screenings of Who Framed Roger Rabbit? at the Bytowne theatre and the Rideau Centre, followed by an appearance by the Canadian animator responsible, Richard Williams.

The festival, which opened in 1976, is the second-biggest animation festival in the world after one in France.

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Working later could help city's bursting buses

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If Ottawa commuters lingered a few minutes longer at the office after work, more of them would find a place on a city bus to take them home.

So says Alain Mercier, the director of city transit services, who yesterday advised that a seasonal flood of people boarding buses during peak, end-of-day service times was leading to overcrowding.

"Most people leave their employment on the hour or the half hour. That's when we get most overcrowding, in the first 10 to 15 minutes after people leave work," said Mercier. "If people can take advantage of spending an extra 15 minutes, stop at the store or make a phone call, they'll get a seat. Between, say 4 and 4:15, they'll be standing or they may not even be able to get on the bus."

This year, ridership in Ottawa is up close to five per cent and Mercier said there tends to be a surge around September, when students are back on the bus.

Meanwhile, overcrowded city buses are arriving at stops too early, resulting in commuters missing their rides, one councillor charges.

"This is pretty frightening when you have 30, 40 per cent of the buses supposedly showing up early which means people are going to miss that bus," Coun. Rainer Bloess said of quarterly on-time reliability reports by OC Transpo.

The data only shows when buses come to the end of their route early, but Bloess said that if a bus leaves on time and ends early, it is reasonable to assume it is leaving many of the scheduled stops in between ahead of their time.

Mercier said they are collecting data with their GPS system and developing more accurate reports using that data.

News in brief

SUSPECT Police are seeking a suspect who is exposing himself to women in the city's west end after several female victims reported witnessing indecent acts. The suspect is described as an English-speaking white male, 20 to 30 years, 6' tall with a stocky build. He was unshaven and wore his hair in a brown or red brush cut and was wearing a light-coloured shirt and multi-coloured shorts at the time of the incident.
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Toronto man granted bail after standoff

The Toronto man at the centre of a standoff because he refused treatment for his malnourished 9-month-old son was granted bail yesterday. The man, 36, and the mother, 22, were arrested Sunday at the Hospital for Sick Children after the standoff ended with the baby being taken by force. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Canada

Ontario man Tasered, dies

A 42-year-old Brampton, Ont., man has died several hours after being tasered during a struggle at a Peel police station. Sean Reilly went into medical distress and was rushed to a Mississauga health centre where he died yesterday at 4:45 a.m. Ontario's Special Investigations Unit is now probing the in-custody death and has named four officers as subjects of their investigation. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Alleged drug lord busted

Coluccio called 'King of International Drug Trafficking'

The image of former Toronto resident Giuseppe Coluccio has been splashed throughout the Italian media over the past 24 hours as American authorities announced one of the largest international drug busts in history.

Coluccio, who lived in the Toronto area under the alias of "Joe Scarfo," was dubbed the "King of International Drug Trafficking" when American and Italian authorities yesterday announced the arrests of 507 of his alleged associates.

The Coluccio investigation was part of a larger operation which has resulted in mass arrests in Italy, the United States and Mexico.

"He's one of the leaders of the consortium that was the target of this operation," said organized-crime expert Antonio Nicaso, who has lectured police forces on international crime.

"Canada was one of the destinations of the cocaine," Nicaso said.

Authorities say Coluccio's group was linked to an organization in Atlanta, which co-ordinated the transportation of truckloads of drugs and millions of dollars in currency.

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deported

- Coluccio, 41, was deported from Canada three weeks ago and is being held in an Italian prison awaiting trial on a series of outstanding trafficking charges.

Montreal **On the hustings**

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Liberal candidate Justin Trudeau, left, campaigns yesterday in his Papineau riding of Montreal. Trudeau, as well as Mustaque Sarker of the Tories and Ingrid Hein of the Green Party, are trying to unseat incumbent Vivian Barbot of the Bloc Québécois.

Attendance tracking needed: Trustee

SHOOTING Schools need to find a way to instantly track absences so students who show up for one class but then skip another can be red-flagged, says the trustee for Toronto's Bendale area.

Scott Harrison said yesterday Tuesday's shooting victim at Bendale Business and Technical Institute had skipped second period.

"I'm not saying it would have prevented the incident, but the school would have known ... a student was missing."

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CAPSIZED Eight people were thrown into Halifax Harbour yesterday when a fire-fighting boat flipped on a test run. The boats have been at the centre of a controversy since a California company won a fire-department tender earlier this year.

SEX SHOP A children's hair salon in southwestern Calgary is moving because a sex shop has opened up next door, CBC News online reports. Beaners is packing up and moving next month after more than 15 years. "We've lost quite a few customers," said manager Ashley Braun.

SHOOTING A 24-year-old Brazilian may be permanently blind after catching a stray-bullet just below his eye-socket. The man was walking with his girlfriend in Calgary Tuesday night when a nearby scuffle erupted in gunfire. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Election 2008

Dion aims to help struggling students

Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion yesterday announced hundreds of millions of dollars in grants and student loans to assist college and university students struggling with the high cost of post-secondary education.

"A well-educated workforce is more important than ever ... we must assure that a college or university education is affordable for Canadians."
Stéphane Dion

Among other things, parents would no longer be able to use their children's post-secondary expenses as a tax credit, but rather the money would go right into the hands of the students themselves.

It's part of a four-year, $1.2-billion plan that Dion said a Liberal government would introduce to not only help students but dramatically increase indirect funding to post-secondary education.

"A post-secondary education system helps our youth achieve their potential. A well-educated workforce is more important than ever ... we must assure that a college or university education is affordable for Canadians," Dion said at the University of Western Ontario.

According to the Liberal proposal, when combined with the GST rebate received by most students, the grants will be worth about $1,000 cash per full-time undergraduate, post-graduate or college student per year and would be paid out quarterly. The plan also calls for increasing funding for university-based research by more than 60 per cent to $500 million a year. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

GUNS Premier Dalton McGuinty is stepping up pressure on Ottawa for a handgun ban. Following Tuesday's gun violence in Toronto, McGuinty urged the federal leaders to heed his call to outlaw the easily concealed weapons. McGuinty said there's "an opportunity for all federal leaders" to discuss the issue during the Oct. 14 election campaign. But he wondered aloud if some party leaders were too insulated from gun violence to recognize the problem.

RESIGNATION A marijuana activist who was running for the NDP in British Columbia just quit the race. Dana Larsen, 37, who was the candidate for the riding of West Vancouver-Sunshine Coast-Sea-to-Sky Country, submitted his resignation to the B.C. campaign team and it was accepted, NDP Leader Jack Layton told reporters in Toronto last night. Larsen resigned after a newspaper questioned the party about his involvement with a Vancouver store that once sold seeds for coca plants, which contain the alkaloids used to produce cocaine.

TRAVEL Where the leaders are today: Stephen Harper — Trois-Rivières, Drummondville; Stéphane Dion — Burlington, Ont., Toronto; Jack Layton — Winnipeg, Vancouver; Elizabeth May — Stellarton, New Glasgow, N.S.; Gilles Duceppe — Carleton-sur-Mer, St-Siméon.
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26 days remain until the 2008 Canadian federal election

CHRIS WATTIE/REUTERS

Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz makes a statement to journalists last night on Parliament Hill.

Tory minister sorry for inappropriate remark

Federal Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz was forced to apologize yesterday for "tasteless and completely inappropriate" jokes on an Aug. 30 government conference call during the listeriosis crisis.

"This is like a death by a thousand cuts. Or should I say cold cuts," Ritz quipped after fretting about the political dangers of the crisis.

And when told during the conference call about a new death in Prince Edward Island, Ritz remarked: "Please tell me it's Wayne Easter."

Easter, the Liberal MP for the P.E.I. riding of Malpeque, is his party's critic shadowing Ritz's Agriculture Department.

So far, 17 deaths, including 14 in Ontario, have been linked to the listeriosis outbreak, which sparked a massive recall of food products from a Maple Leaf Foods plant in Toronto.

Both Easter and NDP Leader Jack Layton called for the minister's resignation last night.

"I've already called for Mr. Ritz's resignation over his handling of the listeriosis outbreak and his failure to tell the truth to Canadians about the government's role in it," Easter said. "I could never imagine he would show this kind of insensitivity. This is just one more reason he needs to be dismissed."

Layton denounced Ritz's remarks on the conference call as "utterly unacceptable."
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Brazil to make generic version of key AIDS drug

Brazil said yesterday it will start producing a generic version of a key AIDS drug, the latest step in the country's long-running battle with pharmaceutical giants to bring down the cost of treatment for HIV patients. REUTERS

World/Business

Livni set to become new PM

Israeli foreign minister wins Kadima party leadership

Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni was set to be Israel's next prime minister after a comfortable victory yesterday in a party leadership election to choose a replacement for Ehud Olmert.

"The good guys won," the former corporate lawyer and one-time Mossad intelligence agent told supporters within the ruling centrist Kadima party after exit polls gave her a clear margin over retired general Shaul Mofaz, the transport minister.

Livni received 47 to 49 per cent of votes cast on a turnout of about half of Kadima's 74,000 members. That was comfortably ahead of Mofaz's 37 per cent and well above the 40-per cent threshold needed to avoid a runoff second round.

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Israel's Foreign Minister Tzipi Livni arrives to cast her ballot at a polling station in Tel Aviv.

Palestinian peace negotiators – and possibly the sponsors of the peace process in Washington — were among those applauding as official results began to confirm a win for Livni, who has led talks with the Palestinians.

But Livni will require combative spirit and flair to consolidate her goal of becoming Israel's first woman leader since the redoubtable Golda Meir in the 1970s.

Olmert has said he will resign as soon as Kadima has a new leader, but the outgoing premier, who could be indicted for corruption, has also vowed to stay on in a caretaker capacity until Livni forges her own coalition government. Only then can she assume the prime ministership. REUTERS

Clinton pulls out of protest due to Palin

POLITICS Hillary Clinton cancelled her appearance at a demonstration against the president of Iran near the United Nations after learning Republican vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin will be there.

"(Palin's) attendance was news to us, and this was never billed to us as a partisan political event," Clinton adviser Philippe Reines said in an e-mail.

Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has caused outrage for saying that Israel should be wiped off the map. REUTERS

Australia allows cloning of human embryos

SCIENCE The Australian government has issued its first licence allowing scientists to create cloned human embryos to try and obtain embryonic stem cells.

The in vitro-fertilisation firm Sydney IVF was granted the licence and reportedly has access to 7,200 human eggs for its research.

If the firm is successful it would be a world first, the Australian government's National Health and Medical Research Council, which granted the licence, said yesterday.

Scientists in other countries have made stem cells they believe are similar to embryonic cells using a variety of techniques, but none have been able to extract embryonic stem cells from cloned human embryos. An Australian ban on the research, known as therapeutic cloning, was lifted in 2006. REUTERS

Car bombs at U.S. embassy in Yemen kill 16

SUICIDE ATTACK Two suicide car bombers set off explosions outside the heavily fortified U.S. embassy in Yemen yesterday, killing 16 people, a Yemeni Interior Ministry official said.

The U.S. State Department said the bombings bore the "hallmarks" of an al-Qaida attack, but it has not yet been concluded who was to blame. Islamic Jihad in Yemen, a group some Yemeni analysts say is linked to al-Qaida, claimed responsibility for the attack. REUTERS

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News in brief

SPACE A Russian cargo ship carrying food, fuel, water, scientific specimens, a space suit and presents docked at the International Space Station yesterday following a four-day delay after Hurricane Ike forced an evacuation of U.S. mission control in Texas last week, Russian media reported.

TURKEY A small hotel on Turkey's Mediterranean coast has fired all its male employees for repeatedly having affairs with foreign female guests, the manager said yesterday.

ECONOMY Russian markets are paying for Moscow's decision to invade Georgia, which spurred capital to flee Russia and weakened its currency, a senior U.S. official said. REUTERS

Business

Biovail buys U.S. drugmaker

Biovail Corp. moved forward with its plan to shift its focus to treatments for the central nervous system yesterday, announcing it will buy privately held U.S.-based drugmaker Prestwick Pharmaceuticals.

Biovail, Canada's biggest publicly traded drugmaker, said it will pay $100 million U.S. for Prestwick, which holds the Canadian and U.S. rights to Xenazine, a drug used to treat chorea, an ailment associated with Huntington's disease.

Huntington's disease is a rare genetic disorder that causes memory loss, involuntary movements, and, ultimately, death. About 25,000 people in the United States are affected.

The deal also gives Biovail early-stage products that treat Parkinson's disease and schizophrenia.

The chorea treatment should garner sales of about $60 million U.S. in Canada and the United States in 2009, said Maxime Paris, an analyst at CIBC World Markets. REUTERS

Bearish TSX investors fear steep losses

MARKETS The Toronto Stock Exchange closed in bear territory and at a two-year low yesterday as investors punished stocks amid concerns that Canadian insurers and banks could face steep losses over their exposure to the decaying U.S. financial industry.

Toronto's S&P/TSX composite index lost 349.3 points to 11,877.69 yesterday — falling 21.19 per cent from its June 18 record high of 15,073.13. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Meat plant linked to listeriosis reopens

MAPLE LEAF A Maple Leaf Foods deli meat plant linked to a deadly outbreak of listeriosis food poisoning resumed production yesterday.

Federal authorities will hold and test products for a three-day period. Maple Leaf said products will likely hit shelves mid to late next week. REUTERS

In brief

OIL Rising labour and material prices have increased costs for Petro-Canada's Fort Hills oil-sands project by 50 per cent to $21 billion. REUTERS

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Sports

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Jays pull off a comeback win

Alex Rios finished 2-for-4 with a homer and three RBI, while Travis Snider knocked in the winning run as Toronto rallied from a six-run deficit to clip Baltimore, 8-7 last night, in the second of three from Rogers Centre.

Scott Rolen picked up three hits, scored twice and drove in a run for the Blue Jays, who halted a three-game losing skid. Joe Inglett and Marco Scutaro added an RBI each.

Jesse Carlson (7-1) earned the win after getting the final out in the eighth. B.J. Ryan hurled a scoreless ninth for his 30th save. Starter David Purcey lasted five inning and allowed 11 hits and six runs.

Aubrey Huff collected two hits including a two-run home run for the Orioles, who saw their two-game win streak snapped and have dropped three of their last five. Melvin Mora had two hits, two RBI and scored once.

Kam Mickolio (0-1) took the loss, charged with two hits and a run over one relief inning. Brian Bass, in only his second major-league start, gave up seven hits and five runs over 4⅓ innings.

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Toronto Blue Jays left fielder Adam Lind, right, watches a fan reach for a ball that bounced into the stands during last night's game.

Man United held to home draw

SOCCER Goal-shy Manchester United kicked off their Champions League title defence with a tepid 0-0 home draw against Villareal in their opening Group E match yesterday.

Former champions Juventus celebrated their return to Europe's top flight with a 1-0 win over Zenit St Petersburg while Real Madrid strolled to a 2-0 home win over Belarus first-timers BATE Borisov.

It was the third barren stalemate in as many meetings between United and Villareal after a couple in the 2005-06 group stage, in which United finished bottom of the group while Villareal reached the last four of the competition.

A late goal from captain William Gallas earned Arsenal a 1-1 draw at Dynamo Kiev. Olympique Lyon fought back from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 home draw with Fiorentina while Barry Robson missed a penalty for Celtic in their 0-0 home draw with Aalborg. Bayern Munich earned a 1-0 win at Steaua Bucharest while Porto enjoyed a 3-1 home success against Fenerbahce.

REUTERS

Sports in brief

NFL Indianapolis Colts safety Bob Sanders is expected to miss at least the next four weeks because of a high ankle sprain.

NHL Carolina Hurricanes right wing Justin Williams will undergo surgery to repair a torn right Achilles tendon, the team announced yesterday. The 26-year-old is expected to miss the next four to six months.

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SCOREBOARD

MLB

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 8 Baltimore 7
N.Y. Yankees 5 Chicago W. Sox 1
Tampa Bay 10 Boston 3
Kansas City 5 Seattle 2
Minnesota at Cleveland
Detroit at Texas
L.A. Angels at Oakland

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Colorado 1 San Diego 0
Cincinnati 3 St. Louis 0
Florida 14 Houston 2
N.Y. Mets 9 Washington 7
Philadelphia 6 Atlanta 1
Pittsburgh 15 L.A. Dodgers 8
Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs
San Francisco at Arizona

TODAY'S GAMES

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Seattle at Kansas City, 2:10
L.A. Angels at Oakland, 3:35
Chicago W. Sox at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05
Baltimore at Toronto, 7:07
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, 7:10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

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Milwaukee at Chicago Cubs, 2:20
Houston at Florida, 7:10
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N.Y. Mets at Washington, 7:10
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WEEK 12

TOMORROW'S GAME

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B.C. at Saskatchewan, 9:30

SUNDAY'S GAME

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NFL

WEEK 3

SUNDAY'S GAMES

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Oakland at Buffalo, 1
Carolina at Minnesota, 1
Kansas City at Atlanta, 1
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Arizona at Washington, 1
Miami at New England, 1
Cincinnati at N.Y. Giants, 1
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Cleveland at Baltimore, 4:15
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Google mobile chief says can't afford a dud

Google Inc. is betting it can revolutionize wireless Internet service on mobile phones. Google's Android software is taking aim at Microsoft's Windows Mobile, Symbian, in which Nokia is an investor, and Apple Inc's iPhone, which dominate the smart phone market. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Tech Now

Politics

The Internet is playing a bigger role in political campaigns. This year nearly 50 per cent of Americans have gone online to find political information.

PEW RESEARCH CENTRE

Political parties engage in web war

Some researchers believe that it won't be long before best use of the Internet becomes a deciding factor on Election Day.

Certainly for politicians, the web has become a crucial way to reach those who want to get involved in a campaign — from making a donation to putting up a lawn sign. It's also become a big help for campaign strategists to better track voters and know where to place resources.

I visited the websites for the major Canadian parties and for the two U.S. presidential contenders. All of the parties place a heavy emphasis on videos — either TV commercials or party-produced material — and even some links to mainstream media, provided that the message made their leader look good or one of the others look bad.

The sites all have the same elements and not a lot of variety in how they present it, and all of them put it front and centre how you can donate or get involved in the campaign.

A new study by the Pew Center in the United States finds the Barack Obama website is by far the best use of the web and its resources, including blogs, videos, downloads and options for texting. He outdraws John McCain's site by a five-to-one margin.

There are a lot of similarities in web content when you move north of the border. They all feature links to YouTube, Twitter, Facebook and similar sites. You want details on the issues and policy? Well, the Tories are heavy on what they have done rather than what they will do. All the other sites provide varying amounts of detail. The NDP has good bite-sized information, while the Bloc leans on up to 30 page-long statements. The Green Party has good issue statements and — I think — the cleanest and easiest site to navigate.

If you're looking to get in touch with your local candidate, that may not always be easy. The Conservatives and Liberals are missing details for some candidates and for some Tory candidates, you are referred to party headquarters. The other parties had better contact lists.

Clearly there's a lot of effort put into the sites and they are constantly being updated as the campaign unfolds. But the final irony is that those who vote tend to be older while heavy web users — people in their 20s, largely — only show about 20 per cent turnout on Election Day!

PAUL'S WEBSITE OF THE WEEK: conservative.ca; liberal.ca; ndp.ca; presentpourlequebec.org (Bloc Quebecois site); greenparty.ca.

Be sure to watch Tech Now this Sunday as part of the CTV NEWS at 6 p.m.

Before you cast your vote, make sure to check out the websites of each of the political parties running in your area.

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Fall gardening

It's a great time to take a look around the garden and decide what worked this year and what didn't. What plants made you happiest? What plants caused problems? Were there any overachievers that crowded others out? The winners get to come back next year. HGTV.CA

Out of the wild, into your home

Faux-animal accents can impart a touch of stylistic wit

ArrestingDesign

We're wild about the faux wilderness style of decor that is popping up all over the place these days. That's right, Tammy and I are nuts about the antler chandeliers, faux animal prints on pillows and throws, faux animal skin rugs and faux animal heads for the wall.

Don't make the mistake of thinking this is cheesy — we know it can sound that way. But these faux furnishings actually add a touch of humour because they are often stylized images of the real thing, in wood, cardboard, ceramic or other synthetic materials.

At the same time, these items give a nod to our ancient and necessary relationship with animals and the meat and skin they provided. A kind of homage, if you will.

We think this is fitting, since many of those animals that we once relied on for food and warmth are now endangered or decreasing in numbers. Thank goodness, then, that these products are available in faux form, because we continue to love the look of a little wilderness in our home decor.

Higher-end stores have been showing these types of items, tastefully and unexpectedly mixed in with traditional furnishings or with clean modern ones. Both work.

What we absolutely love about the faux look is that it gives decor a delightful snap. It introduces drama into an otherwise ordinary room. Try introducing faux animal prints on accent pillows, throws, lampshades, or on the floor as a rug or even as a floor painting. One bold way to introduce this look is through an animal print stair runner. Ways to introduce just a splash of animal print could an accent on existing drapery, table runners, or place mats.

Animal print patterns have the delightful property of being ageless but also new and edgy. You can mix different kinds of animal prints - just use different sized patterns to avoid designs that compete with each other.

Another tongue-in-cheek addition to the faux wilderness scene is the fake animal head. Check out card boardsafari.com to get one take on a faux animal head. And check out decor stores for antler lamps, i.e. chandeliers or table lamps made of antlers inset with small LED or halogen lights. You may also add to the wilderness theme through selected pieces of furniture made of natural-look elements: pieces of fake hide or fur, fake horns as legs, chairs upholstered in fake furs.

Painting a fake tortoiseshell look onto a piece of furniture or an accessory such as a tray or picture frame can also be an intriguing look.

Above all, please avoid the matchy look. Too much of either a rustic cottage or dramatic African theme will look contrived, and will spoil the unexpected and pleasing addition of touches of wilderness decor in a tastefully decorated but very proper room.

We insist on subtle — a few artful touches makes the look, and too much ruins it completely.

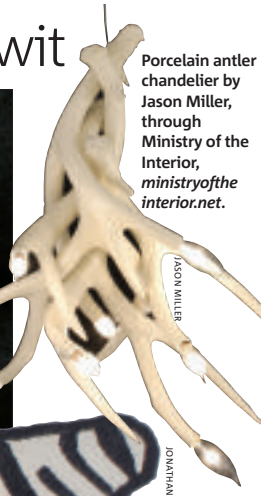
Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

FLIK AND COMPANY

Rice paper springbok head made by an artist in South Africa, $650, through Flik and Company Interiors *flikandcompany.com*.

JONATHAN ADLER

Top, Saville Stash Jar, $48 US, and Valet Tray, $110, white porcelain with top-stitched crocodile leather trompe l'oeil details. Zebra Rug in natural/black llama wool, 5'x7', $875. All items available through *jonathanadler.com*



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Porcelain antler chandelier by Jason Miller, through Ministry of the Interior, *ministryofthe interior.net*.

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Documentary looks at magazine work

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Style

Ellen is a CoverGirl

It has been confirmed that Ellen DeGeneres will be the new face of CoverGirl. This will be the first beauty campaign for the comedian and Emmy award-winning talk show host, who will appear in new advertisements in January 2009. "Ellen is the quintessential CoverGirl. She is smart, confident, natural and beautiful from the inside out," said Esi Eggleston Bracey, vice-president and general manager of global cosmetics for Procter and Gamble Beauty. METRO NEWS SERVICE

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Style File

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ask kim

I planned a holiday next month and I'm looking for luggage. Where and what kind should I look out for?

I've been using Heys luggage for the past two years and I absolutely love it. It's lightweight, hard-cased and easy to roll around. Find Heys in all department stores.

E-mail your style questions to *kim.elbo@metronews. ca.*

Vancouver's Kim Elbo has a passion for fashion. Here she shares the latest style tips.

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aldoshoes.com

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My favourite

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Shop: Plenty
Address: Various Locations
getplenty.com

$228

Modern Mix
Designer: Kennedys
Shop: Umeboshi
umeboshishoes.com

coats

The wool coat can usually be summed up with the thought of a double-breasted pea coat, but this year that typical look is out. This fall's coats will be a little bit more interesting with oversized lapels, pocket details and different necklines. Tip: Try the coat on in the store with layers. You'll be layering quite a bit come late fall so you'll want to make sure there will be enough room for thick knit sweaters or hoodies.

accessory

Want a picture perfect look? Highlight your cheekbones with this All Over Shimmer Liquid Luminizer by Stila, $25. Available at Sephora (*sephora.com*).

shoes

A tapered heel, a round toe and a thick strap — a perfect formula for a fall shoe and, yes, Mary Janes are back and have never looked better. If Mary Janes aren't a staple in your closet already, this is the perfect time to buy.

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Pear patience
The most difficult thing about a pear is having patience — waiting long enough for them to be ripe, but not overripe. A firm pear can take up to a week to ripen. To ripen quicker, place in a loosely closed brown paper bag. Handle pears with care to avoid bruising. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Food

"Unlike many fruits, pears should be picked green — they ripen and improve flavour once off the tree."
-Barb Holland/for Metro Canada

Raw or cooked?
For eating, pears should be soft enough to yield to gently pressure; for cooking, choose pears that are still a little firm.

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Fresh fruit and crisp: Just the perfect pear

À la carte
Barb Holland
Metro Food Writer

Crisps are wonderfully easy to toss together and much less stressful than making pastry. There are also wonderfully tasty, particularly served warm with ice cream, frozen yogurt or custard.

FOODMARKONTARIO

One medium pear has about 100 calories and is a very good source of dietary fibre (remember to eat the skin) and a good source of vitamin C.

Pear and Cardamom Crisp

This is an all-purpose fruit crisp — use seasonal fruit, peeled if necessary and match fruit with spice such as pears with cardamom, peaches with nutmeg or apples with cinnamon. Add some berries or dried fruit — raisins or dried cranberries, or chopped candied ginger. You can also add nuts to topping for a little added crunch. Makes 4 servings.

INGREDIENTS:

- 4 to 5 cups (1 to 1.25 L) sliced (firm but ripe) pears
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) berries (blueberries, blackberries, fresh or dried cranberries)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) oatmeal, rolled oats or quick cooking (not instant)
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) brown sugar
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) ground cardamom (or nutmeg or cinnamon)
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) melted butter

METHOD:

Preheat oven to 350F (180C). Place pears and berries in a buttered 6 cup (1.5 L) baking dish.

Combine oatmeal, flour, sugar and cardamom. Stir in butter until mixture is all moistened; spoon evenly over fruit. Bake 40 to 50 minutes or until fruit is tender and topping is crisp. Serve warm.

Tips:

- Pick of the Crop: The most common pear is a **Bartlett**, a bell-shaped, sweet pear with a light green skin that turns yellow when ripe. **Bosc** pears, a later season pear, are elongated with a slender neck, russet-coloured skin and a fine texture. With a more crunchy texture, these hold their shape, making them good for baking or poaching. **Anjou** pears are more egg-shaped, aromatic and mildly sweet; they show traces of yellow when ripe. Harvested in the fall, these pears store well into the spring.

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

The Modern Baker is available at Amazon.ca for $23.94.

Tart has a bittersweet affair

The Modern Baker by Nick Malgieri is a collection of 150 straightforward recipes with gourmet appeal, striving to bring success to even the busiest of bakers, with the bulk of the preparation taking under one hour. DK Publishing offered Metro a recipe for this decadent tart:

Bittersweet Chocolate Tart

Nothing could be simpler — or better — than this tart. The flavour of the filling is of course entirely dependent on the quality of the chocolate you use, so hang the budget and get the best available — you only need a single pound. We're fortunate that chocolate is now labeled with its cocoa content — the actual percentage of ground-up roasted cocoa beans used in the mixture. For this tart, I use chocolate in the 65 to 70 per cent range. More than that might be just a little too bitter.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 cups heavy whipping cream
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1 pound (450 grams) bittersweet (not unsweetened) chocolate, melted and cooled
- 6 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened
- One 10- or 11-inch (25- or 28-cm) Press-In Cookie Dough crust, (recipe available in the book, pg. 165), baked
- 1 tablespoon chocolate shavings for finishing
- Confectioners' sugar for sprinkling

METHOD:

Combine the cream and corn syrup in a medium saucepan and whisk well. Place over medium heat and bring to just a slight simmer — about 140°F (60°C). Pour the cream into a bowl and let it cool to 110°F (45°C) — you'll be able to insert a fingertip in the cream and leave it there without any burning sensation.

Pour the cooled cream mixture over the chocolate and use a small whisk to mix it in, just to combine smoothly, without whisking air into the mixture. Let the ganache stand at room temperature until it is cool to the touch, about 85°F (30°C).

Whisk in the butter, a couple of tablespoons at a time. The butter has to be very soft — the consistency of stiff mayonnaise — or it will form lumps. Once all the butter has been incorporated, scrape the filling into the prepared tart shell and smooth the top. Refrigerate for 1 hour to set the filling.

After the filling has set, bring the tart to room temperature for 1 to 2 hours before serving. Just before serving, scatter the chocolate shavings in the centre of the filling and dust them very lightly with confectioners' sugar.

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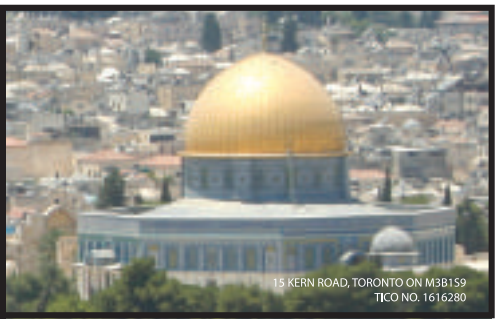

Oscar? No, thanks
Tilda Swinton has given the Oscar she won for best supporting actress for her role in Michael Clayton this year to her agent, insisting the trophy "doesn't mean that much." IMDB.COM

Entertainment

Wonder-ful news
Actress Nicole Kidman is to produce and star in The Eighth Wonder, an action adventure based on an archaeological discovery.
BBC NEWS ONLINE

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Metallica comes back at No. 1

MUSIC Metallica's first album in five years soared to No. 1 on the U.S. pop chart yesterday, while Jessica Simpson's country debut faltered, Reuters reports.

The hard rock band's Death Magnetic sold 490,000 copies during the week ended Sept. 14, according to Nielsen SoundScan. But it was on sale for only three of those days, because it was released worldwide on Friday. Albums usually come out on a Tuesday in the United States, and a day earlier everywhere else.

Simpson's first country album, Do You Know, started at No. 4 with 65,000 copies.

Curry takes out restraining order

PEOPLE The first winner of America's Next Top Model Adrianne Curry has taken out a restraining order against a woman she accuses of stalking her, imdb.com reports.

Curry

The reality TV star was granted the order against Shira Gellis. Curry claims Gellis has been harassing her since the model refused to clean her dog's feces from the lawn of Gellis' home, according to TMZ.com.

Brokeback fans irritate author

PEOPLE The author who inspired Oscar-winning movie Brokeback Mountain has come under scrutiny from film fans, imdb.com reports.

Annie Proulx has claimed she has been pestered by fans following the release of the 2005 movie, which was based on her short story.

Proulx insisted the tale has become "the source of constant irritation in my private life" because she is harassed by people offering their reinterpretations of the tale. "They constantly send ghastly manuscripts and pornish rewrites of the story to me," she said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

The new album by People In Planes, Beyond the Horizon, is in stores now. The band includes vocalist Gareth Jones, guitarist Peter Roberts, bass player Kris Blight, drummer John Maloney and keyboardist Ian Russell.

Planes changes direction

Band recruits producer Austin for diversity on sophomore disc

IAN NATHANSON
for Metro Canada

Talk about People In Planes - the band's just-released sophomore effort, Beyond The Horizon, has helped them literally live up to their name.

To follow 2006's As Far As The Eye Can See, the Welsh quintet logged air miles aplenty last year by working in seven studios across three countries — the United States, England and the band's native country, Wales — and partnering with four different producers.

Singer/guitarist Gareth Jones explains that People In Planes' relations with Sam Williams, the producer behind As Far As The Eye Can See who also helmed Supergrass' 1995 debut I Should Coco, ran its course and the group wanted to seek some diversity for the new disc.

"We got into a very comfortable relationship with Sam but it had its pitfalls — there can be working tensions when you get too closely involved," Jones says. "We wanted to find some new personalities to work with."

Although the band ultimately chose producer Dan Austin (Doves, Massive Attack, demos for PIP's debut), among the personalities for the initial recording sessions included Our Lady Peace front man Raine Maida.

"Our A&R guy has some connection to Raine," Jones says. "When we passed on our demos to him, we just knew him as the guy in Our Lady Peace who wanted to branch out into producing. We found out he has this wealth of studio experience and someone with this insightful view of how song structures come together."

As a result, Beyond The Horizon winds up sounding more like a brooding post-grunge record, albeit with numerous melodic fills and guitar-dominant riffs, particularly on Pretty Buildings, Mayday (M'aidez) and Know By Now.

Compared to their days in early incarnations Robots in the Sky and Tetra Splendour, People In Planes have won over fans such as actor Joaquin Phoenix, who directed their 2006 video If You Talk Too Much (My Head Will Explode).

They may have also won over a select few who caught them as fill-ins for metal no-shows Black Tide during an appearance in Milwaukee this past July.

"We had already played on one stage with all these family-friendly people in the crowd," Jones explains, "and the promoter of the event came over and said, 'We'll pay you some extra cash to go play on this other stage to fill in for Black Tide.' It was an eye-opening experience to that kind of culture. Thank goodness the radio people smoothed things over by offering the crowd free stuff."

Singers, actresses dominate best-dressed list

PEOPLE She fills two converted bedrooms with clothes — one for casual and a second for glam — and staying organized worked for singer Fergie, who yesterday made People magazine's 2008 list of best-dressed women.

"I don't like to throw anything away," Fergie said about the clothes in her "closets" for People's widely-watched Best & Worst Dressed 2008 issue that hits newsstands tomorrow.

Joining Fergie in the Top 10 list were actresses Kate Hudson, Anne Hathaway, Gwyneth Paltrow, Charlize Theron, Eva Mendes, and Sarah Jessica Parker. Singer Rihanna and supermodel Heidi Klum also made the list.

Rounding out the Top 10 — and making a campaign statement for fashion — was Michelle Obama, wife of Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, who was given high marks for a look that was "classic and confident."

"She has a look. She works it with confidence, and she knows what looks good on her," said People's Style editor Clarissa Cruz.

But Obama played down the notion that her sense of style might be anything close to couture, telling People: "Some of my favorite summer dresses are from Gap and H&M."

"The thing they all have in common is that they all had a great year, stuck to their own personal style and stayed true to that," said Cruz.

Then there are those fashion moments People would rather forget.

The magazine's editors pick apart red carpet disaster dresses worn by singer and American Idol judge Paula Abdul and actress Lucy Liu, as well as the aqua-and-orange boots and fedora favoured by Patricia Arquette.

"These were stumbles that were too over the top to ignore," Cruz said.

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Singer Fergie, and actress Sarah Jessica Parker, left.

Tribute for comedian Carlin
Joan Rivers and Denis Leary will be among the comics paying tribute to the late George Carlin, right, when he's honoured with a posthumous Mark Twain Prize for Humour in November in Washington, D.C. IMDB.COM

Poehler sets SNL departure date

TELEVISION Actress Amy Poehler will be leaving Saturday Night Live after the November U.S. presidential election.

Poehler, who recently starred in the movie Baby Mama, told Men's Vogue that she will go on maternity leave after the election and won't return to NBC's late-night sketch show after giving birth to her first child. Instead, she will focus on her upcoming primetime NBC series, a spinoff from The Office.

The comedienne appeared on the season-opener of Saturday Night Live last Saturday, playing Hillary Clinton to Tina Fey's Sarah Palin.

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Tennis star to serve up memoir

Serena Williams, the world's top female tennis player, will release "an inspirational memoir" in fall 2009, tracking the highs and lows of a career in which she has overcome injuries to regain the women's crown.

Williams, 26, has won nine Grand Slam titles, including four in a row in 2002-2003 which made her the world's No. 1 player. She is renowned for her strength on court as well as her colourful outfits.

But facing various injuries and distracted by off-court interests, Williams slipped from the top until she staged a comeback this year to win the U.S. Open and regain the No. 1 ranking for the first time in five years.

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Tennis star Serena Williams' memoir aims to be motivational.

This year, with her sister Venus, she won gold in the Women's Doubles at the Beijing Olympics.

Karen Kosztolnyik, a senior editor who acquired the book for Grand Central Publishing after a bidding battle, said Williams was one of the world's most remarkable athletes.

But it was also her charm and drive that gave her a role in modelling, film, television and fashion, with her line of designer clothing called Aneres — "Serena" spelled backwards.

"We've watched her rise to No. 1 despite physical and emotional setbacks, and her hard work and determination have inspired legions of fans, young and old. Serena will give her memoir a strong motivational slant," she said in a statement.

Financial terms were not given for the deal that was negotiated with literary agent Suzanne Gluck from the William Morris Agency.

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Actor O'Neal, son charged

LEGAL Actor Ryan O'Neal and his son, Redmond, were charged with possessing methamphetamine yesterday following a search of their home, officials said.

They were arrested at their home in Malibu, Calif., during a predawn probation check by officers, a spokeswoman for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department said. The case involves Redmond O'Neal, 23.

O'Neal and his son were booked on suspicion of possessing a controlled substance and each was being held in jail in lieu of $10,000 US bail, the spokeswoman said.

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MacPherson under fire for bike incident

Supermodel Elle MacPherson has come under fire by the Royal Prevention of Accidents in London, England, for cycling with her five-year-old son perched on the handlebars. A spokesman for MacPherson was unavailable for comment. IMDB.COM

●●●●● A CLASSIC; ●●●● EXCELLENT; ●●● GOOD; ●● FAIR; ● POOR

R. Kelly says he was betrayed

PEOPLE R&B star R. Kelly has broken his silence about his recent acquittal on child pornography charges, saying he was betrayed by close associates but hopes to move on with his life.

"If it has had any impact, I would hope it would be a positive impact and I can move on with my life," Kelly told BET News, after being asked if the trial tarnished his career. "I hope people can give me my life back."

A jury in Kelly's Chicago hometown acquitted the singer in June, finding he did not make an explicit videotape showing him having sex with an underage girl who called him "godfather."

Hitchhiker series to ride again

BOOKS Children's author Eoin Colfer is to write a sixth novel in the Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy series, seven years after the death of its creator Douglas Adams, publishers Penguin said yesterday.

The writer, best known for his Artemis Fowl fairy stories, has the blessing of Adams' widow, Jane Belson, to continue the bestselling science fiction saga.

Called And Another Thing..., the new novel will be published in October 2009. REUTERS

In brief

MUSIC Lucinda Williams will release a digital-only EP of protest songs, Lu in 08, on Oct. 28, two weeks after the veteran roots-rocker's ninth studio record, Little Honey, reaches stores. REUTERS

Metallica roars back

Sonya Kitchell, FemBots and Nelly also deliver solid new albums

ANTON CORBIJN/WARNER MUSIC PHOTO

Metallica proves they can still play hard, fast and skillful, but always tuneful and capable of different shades of intensity on Death Magnetic — the heavy metal act's ninth studio album.

Metallica

Album: Death Magnetic
Label: Warner
Rating: ●●●●●

JAMES HETFIELD, Lars Ulrich, Kirk Hammett and Robert Trujillo deserve more credit. Calling Metallica a heavy-metal act doesn't do their best music justice. The band's grit-your-teeth, relentless arrangements can be orchestral in scope: Imagine Wagner on a bad day, with access to electric guitars and a stack of Marshall amps. Or a pissed-off Beethoven composing after somebody boxed his ears. Death Magnetic's 10-minute instrumental Suicide & Redemption doesn't meander — it evolves. Hard, fast & skillful, but always tuneful and capable of different shades of intensity: That's Metallica at its best, and that's Death Magnetic. Jim Reyno

Sonya Kitchell

Album: This Storm
Label: Decca/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

SONYA KITCHELL'S debut album failed to catch fire, but there was a Feistian quality to her voice that made her someone to keep an eye on. That was four years ago when the kid was only 15. Now, with the help of Canadian producer Malcolm Burn (Patti Smith, Emmylou Harris, Junkhouse), this great young talent has made the sort of record you'd expect from a mid-career Alison Krauss or Lucinda Williams. Burn provides dense musical backdrops for Kitchell's aching narratives and sometimes bleak passages. But there's an impish quality to her songwriting that keeps it oddly upbeat. Sure to appeal to both the uber hip and the alt-country holdouts.

Graham Rockingham

FemBots

Album: Calling Out
Label: Weewerk
Rating: ●●●●

DAVE MACKINNON and Brian Poirier combine in a got-the-world-by-the-by-the-balls pose that's eerily reminiscent of Exile-era Stones. This Toronto-based band puts away its arty toys and comes up with gritty, and at times brilliant, rock album filled with anti-gospel hymns (Good Days, God Keep Our Hands Clean), paranoid road songs (Get In The Van), twisted love ballads (Can I Be Your Mirror), yarns of dubious glory (J.L. Recalls His Amazon Adventure ...) and tales of impending disaster (Ship Breaking). The Fembots forge beauty from chaos.

Graham Rockingham

Nelly

Album: Brass Knuckles
Label: Derrty/Universal
Rating: ●●●½

THERE ISN'T ANYTHING on Brass Knuckles as accessible as Nelly's signature tunes Ride Wit Me or Hot In Herre. But Brass Knuckles is an all-star mix of R&B and hip-hop with some solid hooks throughout. A few tracks really connect: LA with the Snoop and Nate Dogg(s), taken at Snoop's trademark easy pace; Self-Esteem with Chuck D elevates the game lyrically. And Lie with St. Lunatics is a hummable (if foul-mouthed) tale of cheating/misinformation. Brass Knuckles is no knockout punch, but a good shot. You feel it. Jim Reyno

Lindsey Buckingham

Album: Gift of Screws
Label: Reprise/Warner
Rating: ●●●

THIS IS PROBABLY Lindsey Buckingham's finest effort since the heyday of Fleetwood Mac. There's plenty of nifty hooks and blistering guitar solos here that will send people running for their old copies of Rumours (especially the three tracks on Gift of Screws which feature his old bandmates Mick Fleetwood and John McVie). At times, though, Buckingham's guitar sounds as if it's set on hyperdrive, like he's trying a bit too hard, like he's got something to prove. Well, after all those years in the wilderness, maybe he does?

Graham Rockingham

Album Reviews

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Solange

Album: Sol-Angel and the Hadley St. Dreams
Label: Geffen/Universal
Rating: ●●●

BEYONCÉ'S LITTLE SIS wants you to know that she's not a copycat of her sibling. On the opening track she says, "two girls going in different directions... I'm no sister." She'll be happy to know that most won't compare to her to more famous family member after hearing this disc. While she dabbles in the same R&B vein as Beyonce, Solange takes a more old-school tone, with her songs sounding more like Aretha Franklin than modern day urban pop. This disc is a fun throwback that should free her from her sister's shadow. Bryan Borzykowski

Ne-Yo

Album: Year of the Gentleman
Label: Def Jam/Universal
Rating: ●●●

WITH MICHAEL JACKSON off the radar, there's room for another soulful pop act to take control of the charts. While Ne-Yo doesn't have the same songwriting skills as Jackson, his voice is eerily similar, and his tunes are almost as radio friendly. The Californian's third disc doesn't deviate much from his previous two efforts. You'll find the same familiar Maroon 5-meets-MJ sound, plenty of soft soothing ballads and lyrics about how Ne-Yo's boyfriend material. It's all a little boring and overdone, but the tunes are catchy enough to keep his dedicated fans on board. Bryan Borzykowski

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Oteri's Legal move
Saturday Night Live alumna Cheri Oteri will turn up on Boston Legal during the ABC series' final season, which premieres Monday. TVGUIDE.COM

Media battle hosts irony

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POLITICS IS HOLLYWOOD FOR UGLY PEOPLE That's the old saying, but even if you're not bad looking, you'll still be swimming through a sea of ugly.

There's been very little that you can call edifying in the U.S. election race so far, and it's reached a point where the only thing you can salvage from the whole miserable process is an appreciation of the irony, which has been thick on the ground.

Ever since she was announced as John McCain's running mate, Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin's resemblance to 30 Rock star and creator Tina Fey started a countdown clock on Fey's inevitable return to Saturday Night Live to pile up her hair and play Palin.

As you probably know by now, Fey was front and centre when SNL returned for the fall season last weekend, sharing a podium with Amy Poehler's Hillary Clinton for a skit that got most of its fuel from the often bitter sexism Clinton dealt with in her ultimately failed bid to land the Democratic nomination.

The best line, of course, was "I can see Russia from my house" — Alaska tourism should use it as a slogan — but the skit got most of its comedic juice from Poehler-as-Clinton's rage at being called a shrewish, ambitious harridan; delivered in a tone that (irony alert) made her sound like a shrewish harridan. Fey played Palin as oblivious bimbo to Poehler's unhinged gorgon, so unless you're so far down the partisan rabbit hole that objectivity is pretty much out the window, the skit was a draw.

Unfortunately, McCain's campaign team decided to play the outrage card, and sent McCain adviser and former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina onto MSNBC to protest that Fey's portrayal of Palin was "sexist," adding that "the portrait was very dismissive of the substance of Sarah Palin, and so in that sense, they were defining Hillary Clinton as very substantive, and Sarah Palin as totally superficial." Yes, we got that, Carly. (The worst thing about election campaigns isn't the lying, but the way they make perfectly intelligent people say the most obvious things as if they were just deciphered by Pentagon codebreakers.)

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Tina Fey played U.S. vice-presidential candidate Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live.

What the SNL skit didn't — or couldn't — mine for its comic potential was that, by the time she was forced out of the primary race, most of the really nasty sexism being directed toward Clinton was coming from her own party, which is now happily spewing it in Palin's direction without the small but nagging protest from their conscience to make them feel guilty. By the time the election is over, the U.S. will either have a black president or a woman closer to the oval office than ever before (without, of course, having to sexually service the president to be there.) Either scenario is arguably a step in the right direction, depending on whose side you're on, but the really amazing thing is that, considering what has to be endured to get there, that anyone even bothers.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

Colbert to host special

TELEVISION Comedy Central star Stephen Colbert is getting an early start on Christmas, enlisting musicians Elvis Costello, Feist, Toby Keith, John Legend and Willie Nelson for a one-hour holiday special that will air Nov. 23 on the cable network.

Colbert

A Colbert Christmas: The Greatest Gift of All! has something of a narrative arc: Colbert will be snowed in at his cabin in upstate New York and will pass the time with his musically inclined friends.

Original songs will be written for the special by David Javerbaum, the executive producer of The Daily Show with Jon Stewart, and composer Adam Schlesinger, from Fountains Of Wayne and Ivy.

Songs and their performers include Another Christmas Song, to be performed by Colbert; Have I Got a Present for You by Keith; Little Dealer Boy by Colbert and Nelson; Hanukkah by Colbert and Jon Stewart; Nutmeg by Colbert and Legend; Please Be Patient by Feist; and There Are Much Worse Things To Believe In by Colbert and Costello. REUTERS

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Same-sex film moves to theatres

MOVIES I Can't Think Straight, a cross-cultural lesbian romantic comedy written, directed and produced entirely by women, has been picked up for North American distribution by indie firm Here! Films.

The film charts the unexpected romance between Tala (Lisa Ray), a vivacious Christian woman from Palestine, and Leyla (Sheetal Sheth), a shy Muslim woman from India. When they meet in London just before Tala's planned wedding, sparks fly between them and their families.

It is based on the novel by British-born author Shamim Sarif, who also directed.

Here! sister co. Regent Releasing will distribute Sarif's other feature, the South African-set period lesbian romance The World Unseen on Nov. 7 in New York, Los Angeles and Toronto. Straight will bow in the same cities two weeks later, followed by additional regional markets.

Sarif based both directorial efforts on her novels of the same name and both star the same actresses. REUTERS

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critics'corner

Johnny Tootall
An aboriginal soldier goes from one war to another in this 2005 made-for-TV drama. Adam Beach plays the title character, who comes home from Bosnia with a new addition to his list of demons: a shameful murder. Now he finds himself confronting his own estranged brother in a battle for sacred land, and there are big decisions to be made. Nathaniel Arcand, Alex Rice and Sheila Tousey also star. 9 PM on 40 BVO

Grey's Anatomy
Meredith and Derek (Ellen Pompeo, Patrick Dempsey) need some concrete results. Too bad they can't just borrow some concrete. In this episode, while the two of them take their last shots at success in their clinical trials, the other surgeons try to free a boy from a block of cement before it hardens. Izzie and Alex (Katherine Heigl, Justin Chambers) share the care of a patient, and Lexie (Chyler Leigh) gets the scoop on George (T.R. Knight). 9 PM on 20 ABC

Scarjo and Mendes team up

Scarlett Johansson and Eva Mendes have joined forces to encourage Americans to recycle their old cellphones. The actresses both star in a new campaign film for the Environmental Media Association. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Kate Hudson happy to get raunchy role

MOVIE Kate Hudson jumped at the chance to star in upcoming movie My Best Friend's Girl because she relished playing a sexually aggressive woman, imdb.com reports.

The actress plays a lawyer in the film, which features strong language and sexual content.

Hudson, famed for her romantic comedy roles, ensured she made the most of the explicit script and adult scenes.

"I finally got to swear and say and do certain things that most people say to each other in normal, everyday life," she says. "I got a little taste of what those Sex and the City girls were up to for so long, which was fun."

Off-screen, Hudson is grateful she has maintained a friendship with ex-husband Chris Robinson because it makes their four-year-old son Ryder happy.

"For me it feels like this isn't about me or (Chris). We did it the right way, which is we knew it wasn't right (to stay together) so we wanted it to be great for Ryder and we got a happy, happy boy," Hudson says. "We spend a lot of time together. We love our baby. With both of us working all the time and away and travelling, it makes it great for Ryder."

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GETTY IMAGES PHOTOS

Barton seduces Hartnett?

PEOPLE Mischa Barton spent Monday evening with Josh Hartnett, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The O.C. star met up with the actor at the London nightclub Bungalow 8 and after chatting the pair reportedly left for his hotel at the end of the night.

Barton, 22, managed to get the 30-year-old actor's attention by reportedly dancing seductively in front of him as he sat talking to Kings of Leon drummer Nathan Followill, but he was initially unimpressed by her moves.

"Josh looked pretty bored and was totally ignoring Mischa," a source said. "She persisted though, and kept getting closer and closer to their table while dancing provocatively."

Followill was reportedly unconvinced by Barton's display, and was heard warning Josh off the actress.

The source added to Britain's MailOnline website: "Nathan told him that he thought she talks too much." Despite reportedly going to Hartnett's hotel, Barton is said to have emerged an hour later and returned to her own hotel.

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Paris promises true BFF status

TV Socialite Paris Hilton has made true her vow to stand by the winner of her new reality TV show Paris Hilton's My New BFF (Best Friend Forever), insisting they're "really friends," imdb.com reports.

The hotel heiress recently wrapped up the U.S. version of My New BFF, in which she chose a confidante from tens of thousands of wannabe best pals.

Earlier this year, Hilton took aim at critics who predicted she'll ditch the winner of the show once filming is over, claiming her search is genuine because she finds it so hard to meet new people.

And she has already proved her detractors wrong — she's started to hang out with her chosen pal and is preparing the mystery winner for life in the spotlight.

"The person who won is now my best friend. We hang out. Yeah, we're really friends." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Baldwin almost ended it all

PEOPLE Actor Alec Baldwin wanted to jump out of the window of his New York apartment after an answering-machine message in which he called his daughter a "thoughtless little pig" was leaked on the Internet, imdb.com reports.

In his autobiography A Promise to Ourselves: Fatherhood, Divorce and Family Law, Baldwin describes how he plunged into a suicidal depression when the message to 11-year-old Ireland was revealed to the world.

"She (Ireland) was off for spring break with her mother and her phone was turned off for 10 consecutive days," Baldwin says. "This had gone on for years now and … when the beep came, I snapped."

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Aniston laughs off Mayer heartbreak reports

RELATIONSHIPS Actress Jennifer Aniston has laughed off reports she is devastated about her recent split from rocker John Mayer, insisting she is happy to move on, imdb.com reports.

The former Friends star broke up with Mayer in August after several months of dating.

Mayer has since reportedly moved on and reunited with former love Maria Marin — and tabloids claimed Aniston was heartbroken.

But she is keen to show the public she is content with life as a single woman, and claims she doesn't mind the media interest in her love life.

"I've been dealing with it (media speculation) for years and it still feels odd," she tells Britain's Hello! magazine. "But I'm grateful that the public is still interested in my life and my movies — and I hope that I can justify their interest. People are so kind, ultimately. And I'm happy, so don't worry about me!"

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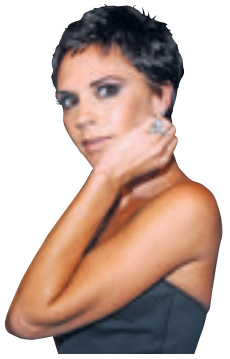

Posh's pixie crop a big hit

STYLE Victoria Beckham's new hairstyle has sparked a new hair craze in Britain — thousands are flocking to stylists for her pixie look, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The former pop star-turned-fashion icon debuted her new short-cropped look last month and it has already become the new must-have for the autumn.

Top stylist Andrew Collinge admits his Selfridges salons in Manchester and London have been inundated with requests for the "Victoria Beckham Pixie Crop."

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Slim isn't easy for Gwyneth Paltrow

PEOPLE Actress Gwyneth Paltrow makes being svelte look easy, but the actress tells Oprah Winfrey that she finds it nearly impossible to stick to a diet, People.com reports. "I just cannot diet," Paltrow, 35, said. "I think maybe it's the idea that you can't have something … I just can't do it." Instead of counting calories, the slender Oscar-winner prefers to work up a sweat.

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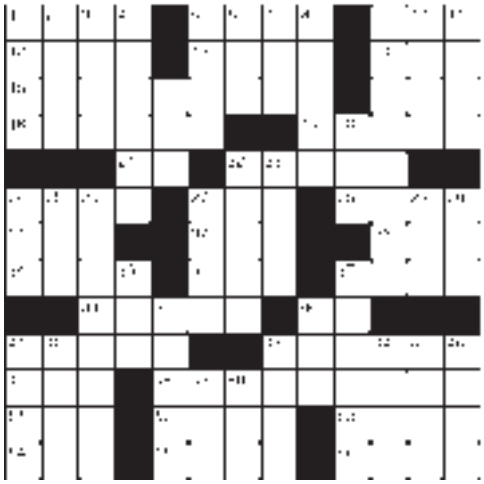

Crossword across

1 Pocket bread
5 Gentle soul
9 Force
12 Tel —
13 Winglike
14 Performance
15 Sheik portrayer
17 Grazing area
18 Main course
19 Indigent
21 "Why should I care?"
22 One of Santa's team
24 Donated
27 Wrestling surface
28 Mounties' org.
31 Mideast potentate
32 Hearty brew
33 Savings-plan acronym
34 Unescorted
36 Wrigley product
37 History
38 Singer Minogue
40 "That's a laugh!"
41 Fashion
43 Glum
47 Melody
48 Ratified
51 Oahu souvenir
52 Satan's field
53 Conked out
54 Prior to
55 Welsh veggie
56 Catch sight of

Crossword down

1 Macadamize
2 Terrible guy?
3 Pinball no-no
4 Loath (to)
5 Tardy
6 Will Smith biopic
7 Isle of —
8 Cheery place?
9 Orange variety
10 On the rocks
11 Obedience-school lesson
16 Ultra-modernist
20 Alway
22 Price
23 Particular
24 Petrol
25 Way back when
26 Maiden of Odin
27 Creche trio
29 "— Doubtfire"
30 Vanna's colleague
35 Olive —
37 Procession
39 Not bumpy
40 Coal carrier
41 Garage event
42 Layer
43 "Got —?"
44 Elevator name
45 Leak slowly
46 Vortex
49 St.
50 Whopper

Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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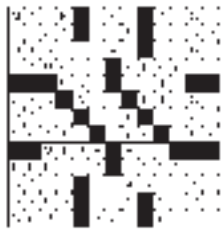

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5	6	2	7	1	3	4	9	8

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Under 13 min Genius
13-17 min Scholar
17-21 min Smart
21-25 min Not bad
25+ min Keep practising

Recipe of the day

COOK SMART FOR A HEALTHY HEART

Celery Root and Spinach Soup

Celery root (celeriac) makes a rich soup with lots of flavour and a creamy texture.

INGREDIENTS:
Cooking spray
1 large onion, thinly sliced
1 garlic clove, crushed
1 celery root (about 11/4 lb/625 g), peeled and grated
4 cups (1 L) boiling water
1 reduced-sodium vegetable bouillon cube, crumbled, or 2 tsp (10 mL) vegetable bouillon powder
2 cups (500 mL) washed and trimmed spinach
Pinch of nutmeg
Salt and pepper
Garnish with fresh chives

METHOD:
1. Heat a large saucepan coated with cooking spray over medium-high heat. Add the onion and garlic, and cook until the onion is softened but not browned, about 5 minutes. Add the celery root. Pour in the boiling water and add the bouillon cube or powder. Bring to a boil, then reduce the heat to low and cover the pan. Cook the soup until the celery root is tender, about 10 minutes.
2. Add the spinach to the soup and stir well. Increase the heat and bring the soup to a boil, then remove the pan from the heat. Cool the soup slightly and then purée it, in batches, in a blender or food processor until smooth. Alternatively, you can purée the soup in the pan using a handheld blender. The soup will be fairly thick.
3. Reheat the soup, if necessary, then stir in a dash of nutmeg, salt and pepper. Ladle the soup into bowls. Garnish with fresh chives and serve immediately. **SERVES 4**

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Horoscopes AVATAR VENUS

ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
A misunderstanding might be forgotten. There's a reason to celebrate in spite of turmoil. Your progress is affected by a long conversation.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
A control freak has a dismaying chat. Attend a social event in the company of others. Don't investigate any mysterious behaviour.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
A neutral person becomes involved in a crisis. A relative questions your life choices. A budget crisis will give grief at home.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Close the door on a poorly behaved person. Take action to restore ethics to business. Do not respond to messages that are less than urgent.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
An erratic friend causes fresh frustration. Make some thrilling changes possible. A job will take longer than expected.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A sweetheart's coldness results in short-lived pain. A memorable encounter takes place. A flirtation heats up your daydreams.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
You'll tell people exactly how you feel. You have a talent for dealing with quirks. You'll get insight from offensive situations and people.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
Dreams help you to understand emotional problems. People comment on your moodiness. Your anxiety about promises is misplaced.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A friend will create a temporary disturbance. Simple pleasures produce harmony at home. Someone's cowardice causes unwise behaviour.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Pay attention to a friendly woman. A personality change inspires someone to take charge. Gloating will cause resentment to build.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
A power play leads to a bonding experience. Give someone a chance to run and hide. Forestall a confrontation by being considerate.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Karma kicks in and everyone has a good laugh. A man forgot to keep a promise to a woman. A stubborn person gives a warning.

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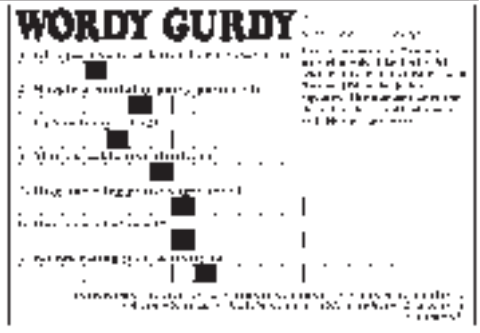
SEPT. 18, 1934: U.S.S.R. admitted to League of Nations.
SEPT. 18, 1942: Canadian Broadcasting Corporation authorized.
SEPT. 18, 1960: Fidel Castro arrives in New York City as the head of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations.
SEPT. 18, 1970: Jimi Hendrix dies after choking on his own vomit.
SEPT. 18, 1973: East and West Germany are admitted to the United Nations.
SEPT. 18, 1997: U.S. media magnate Ted Turner donates $1-billion US to the United Nations.
SEPT. 18, 2007: President General Pervez Musharraf announces that he will step down as army chief and restore civilian rule to Pakistan, but only after he is re-elected president. METRO NEWS SERVICES



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